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SUBJ: GRB APOLOGIZES TO TANZANIA; KIGOMA PORT STILL CLOSED
TO BURUNDI VESSELS

1. GOVERNMENT INFORMATION BULLETIN FINALLY ON APRIL 5
PRINTED GRB APOLOGY FOR MARCH 15 INCURSION INTO
TANZANIAN TERRITORY REPORTED REFTEL. KIRUNDI BROADCASTS HAVE
SO FAR LEFT APOLOGY UNMENTIONED, THOUGH PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED
ON FRENCH- LANGUAGE RADIO.

2. ACCOMPANYING COMMENTARY IS ALONG GENERAL LINES
BURUNDI AMBASSADOR' S STATEMENT REPORTED REFTEL, BUT
EMPHASIZES DANGER TO BURUNDI SECURITY POSED BY RECENT REBEL
ACTIVITY ALONG BORDER (REMNANTS OF " OUTLAWS" WHO " KILLED SO
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MANY" LAST YEAR SAID TO HAVE CAUSED TENS OF DEAD AND WOUNDED
PLUS MATERIAL DAMAGE), ASKS GOT TO ASSIST IN

REESTABLISHING PEACE IN AREA, AND DOES NOT MENTION COMPENSATION.

3. IN FIRST DEFINITE WORD ON A SITUATION BRUITED FOR SEVERAL DAYS, COSSAERTS, BELGIAN DIRECTOR BUJUMBURA PORT, WHO HAS RADIO CONTACT WITH KIGOMA, INFORMED US TODAY THAT BURUNDI LAKE VESSELS HAVE BEEN STANDING OFF KIGOMA SINCE APRIL 1, BECAUSE GOODS FOR BURUNDI NOT PERMITTED LEAVE PORT, ALTHOUGH BURUNDI' S OUTGOING CARGOS ACCEPTED. ONE BOAT FROM KIGOMA ARRIVED BUJUMBURA APRIL 5, BUT ENTIRE CARGO DESTINED EITHER RWANDA OR ZAIRE. HOWEVER, COSSAERTS HOPEFUL SITUATION WILL NOW SHORTLY BE BACK TO NORMAL.

4. COMMENT: NO MEANS HERE OF KNOWING HOW CLOSELY THESE TWO EVENTS CONNECTED, THOUGH INFORMED CIRCLES BUJUMBURA GENERALLY ASSUME KIGOMA ACTION WAS QUIET AND EFFECTIVE TANZANIAN WAY OF BRINGING GRB TO MORE REASONABLE POSTURE.
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